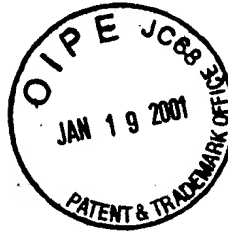


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In re Application of: Uwe HEITMANN

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 9, 2001 in the above-mentioned application was inadvertently filed in error, as it relates to a different case. Please disregard that Information Disclosure Statement, which we have in the meanwhile refiled in the correct case (U.S. Application No. 09/643,687).

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